

1AP20R5C1PCTO 27 APR 2006

PTO/SB/088 (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number Not Yet Assigned  
Filing Date Herewith  
First Named Inventor Karl-Heinz MINUTH  
Art Unit Not Yet Assigned  
Examiner Name Not Yet Assigned  
Attorney Docket Number 095309.57634US

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials <sup>1</sup>	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)				
/P.L./	A1	US 2002/0145312 A1		10/10/2002	Giedta et al.	
/P.L./	A2	US 5,524,439		06/11/1996	Gallup et al.	
/P.L./	A3	US 3,506,308		04/14/1970	Fenton	
/P.L./	A4	US 4,572,430		02/25/1986	Takagi et al.	
/P.L./	A5	US 6,291,803		09/18/2001	Fourrey	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code*-Number*-Kind Code* (if known)				
/P.L./	B1	EP 1 329 356	07-23-2003	M. Maccherrone		
/P.L./	B2	FR 2 572 271	05-02-1986	A. Radulescu		
/P.L./	B3	EP 0 110 144	06-13-1984	P. Schwerdtfeger		
/P.L./	B4	EP 60-64017	04-12-1985	U. Shigeo		
/P.L./	B5	DE 102 43 315	04-01-2004	K. Pfahler et al.		
/P.L./	B6	DE 200 02 447 U1	03-15-2001	Johnson Controls		
/P.L./	B7	DE 33 06 871 A1	08-30-1984	Volland et al.		

## NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
/P.L./	C1	International Search Report	

Examiner Signature	/Patrick Lynch/	Date Considered	05/07/2008
--------------------	-----------------	-----------------	------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 801.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.